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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States exports of domestic merchandise from $1,903.7 million in March to $1,687.5 million in April, a drop of about 11 percent, reflected decreases in exports of all the economic classes of commodities. The April 1961 domestic merchandise export total was about six percent lower than the April 1960 total of $1,800.8 million. These figures include data on M.S.P. (military) shipments.

With M.S.P. (military) shipments excluded, exports of domestic merchandise were valued at $1,629.0 million in April[1], about 12 percent below the March total of $1,858.6 million and about three percent lower than the April 1960 total of $1,686.1 million.

Exports of finished manufactures fell from $1,096.3 million in March to $991.4 million in April reflecting decreases in exports of individual commodities included in this economic class as follows: aircraft, parts and accessories, from $113.6 to $98.5 million; passenger cars, from $25.0 to $17.6 million; office, accounting, and computing machines and parts, from $32.1 to $26.1 million; automobile parts for assembly and replacement, from $53.2 to $47.2 million; construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery, from $70.8 to $65.3 million; and railway transportation equipment, from $20.3 to $14.9 million. The drop in exports of crude materials from $224.8 to $187.4 million was mainly the result of a noticeable decrease in exports of unmanufactured cotton from $113.6 to $79.8 million.

During the period, exports of semimanufactures fell from $299.9 to $266.2 million owing chiefly to lower levels of exports of individual commodities included in this economic class as follows: copper semimanufactures, from $38.1 to $22.9 million; plastics and resin materials, from $26.0 to $20.7 million; iron and steel plates, sheets and strips, from $15.4 to $11.4 million; industrial chemicals, from $26.4 to $22.6 million; and synthetic rubber, from $16.6 to $13.3 million. However, exports of crude vegetable oils and fats, also included in this economic class, rose from $3.4 to $11.3 million. Decreases in exports of wheat from $106.1 to $84.7 million, and corn from $37.9 to $31.4 million were the chief factors in the drop in exports of crude foodstuffs from $177.2 to $153.9 million. Exports of manufactured foodstuffs fell from $105.6 to $88.5 million largely due to decreases in exports of wheat flour, from $14.8 to $9.5 million, and manufactured foodstuffs for relief or charity, from $17.0 to $13.0 million. These decreases were partly offset, however, by an increase in exports of refined vegetable oils, fats and waxes, from $3.1 to $8.7 million.

[1] See the April 1961 issue of Report No. FT 900-E for the seasonally-adjusted figures on total exports, excluding M.S.P. (military) shipments. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in export statistics.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with this definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be estimated. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: The value of export shipments individually valued at $100-$499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. Effective with the statistics for January 1960, the previous sample ratio of 10 percent has been increased to a 50 percent sample for countries other than Canada with the 10 percent sample being retained for Canada. The estimated values are distributed among the individual commodity totals. For the 1960 export figures in this report, the probable variability due to sampling is less than $50,000 or less than a trivial percentage which can be ignored. For periods prior to 1960, the probable variability due to sampling is less than $50,000 or less than two percent of the individual totals shown. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000. For further information regarding sampling procedures, see the September 1953, February 1954, January and June 1956, and the October-December 1959 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: APRIL 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantities in units indicated; values in millions of dollars. Figures for 1961 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1960 include revisions published with the December 1960 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1961. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

Economic class and commodity	April 1961	March 1961	April 1960	Monthly average	
				1960	1959
Total.....value..	[1]1,687.5	[2]1,903.7	[3]1,800.8	[4]1,691.6	[5]1,453.2
Crude materials.....value..	187.4	224.8	189.1	215.5	159.4
Hides and skins, raw, except furs.....value..	6.5	9.3	5.0	6.4	5.2
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible.....1,000 lb..	135,884	154.626	172,195	140,701	120,900
value..	10.6	11.1	11.2	9.3	9.3
Oilseeds.....value..	21.1	22.5	18.6	30.1	26.5
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	25,110	28,740	14,360	41,264	38,801
value..	17.9	21.7	9.5	31.5	28.9
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 bales..	634	870	694	651	332
value..	79.8	113.6	87.3	82.3	37.7
Coal.....1,000 s.tons..	2,553	2,065	3,474	3,160	3,253
value..	24.0	19.3	32.8	29.5	31.5
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	316	338	270	257	210
value..	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6
All other crude materials.....value..	26.8	26.5	23.8	25.8	19.7
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	153.9	177.2	148.0	136.6	120.7
Corn.....1,000 bu..	24,648	29,980	16,259	18,353	18,343
value..	31.4	37.9	21.1	23.4	23.9
Wheat.....1,000 bu..	48,941	61,335	54,391	41,975	29,781
value..	84.7	106.1	90.0	71.0	51.2
Other grains.....value..	18.1	13.5	17.2	20.2	23.1
Vegetables, fresh or dried.....1,000 lb..	127,952	119,572	154,889	131,802	141,027
value..	6.5	6.1	7.1	7.1	7.9
Fruits, fresh or frozen.....1,000 lb..	97,161	99,924	103,901	119,890	125,300
value..	7.2	7.6	7.1	8.9	9.0
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	5.5	5.8	5.3	5.8	5.2
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	88.5	105.6	93.0	93.0	89.8
Meat and meat products.....1,000 lb..	31,931	35,068	37,526	35,733	29,246
value..	9.6	10.8	10.9	10.4	8.8
Lard.....1,000 lb..	26,065	33,899	56,154	51,667	50,347
value..	3.3	4.6	5.1	5.1	5.0
Dairy products.....1,000 lb..	31,152	27,833	27,469	34,133	40,725
value..	6.4	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.9
Fish, canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	1,715	1,679	3,518	4,058	5,670
value..	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.9
Milled rice.....1,000,000 lb..	187	225	168	160	125
value..	10.4	12.5	12.2	10.5	8.3
Wheat flour.....1,000 cwt..	2,219	3,918	3,225	2,613	2,273
value..	9.5	14.8	11.7	9.6	8.6
Vegetables, canned and prepared.....value..	2.7	3.4	2.8	3.7	3.4
Fruits, dried and evaporated.....1,000 lb..	9,107	20,402	10,154	17,734	11,654
value..	2.0	3.8	2.1	3.5	2.7
Canned fruits.....1,000 lb..	21,942	36,753	26,870	32,307	29,003
value..	3.2	5.3	4.2	4.7	4.4
Fruit juices.....1,000 gal..	3,315	3,490	3,844	2,776	2,676
value..	3.9	4.1	4.7	3.4	3.6
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined.....1,000 lb..	57,778	19,872	47,424	48,740	58,289
value..	8.7	3.1	6.0	6.1	8.6
Sugar and related products.....value..	1.4	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.9
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	13.0	17.0	9.3	10.5	8.9
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	13.3	16.6	13.7	15.0	15.7
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	266.2	299.9	304.0	293.5	205.5
Leather.....value..	3.6	4.8	2.5	2.7	2.2
Synthetic rubber.....1,000 lb..	52,633	62,681	82,920	64,377	54,796
value..	13.3	16.6	21.8	16.7	14.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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APRIL 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	April 1961	March 1961	April 1960	Monthly average 1960	Monthly average 1959
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]—Continued					
Naval Stores, gums and resins.....value..	4.1	4.4	5.3	5.7	3.7
Vegetable oils and fats, crude.....1,000 lb..	86,866	25,095	113,439	90,662	71,750
value..	11.3	3.4	10.6	9.2	7.9
Cotton semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	25,748	32,620	32,875	30,949	29,090
value..	3.6	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.2
Wool semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	10,343	14,747	12,744	12,278	12,244
value..	1.6	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.9
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	17,504	16,414	19,705	16,043	12,014
value..	12.6	12.0	14.7	12.4	9.2
Sawmill products.....1,000 bd.ft..	56,483	62,080	89,174	71,673	65,726
value..	6.8	7.6	10.7	8.7	7.5
Wood pulp.....1,000 s.tons..	100	109	86	95	54
value..	13.6	14,8	12.1	12,8	7.9
Fuel oil, distillate and residual.....1,000 bbl..	1,803	1,767	2,503	2,380	2,835
value..	5.1	5.1	6.7	6.6	7.7
Sulfur.....1,000 l.tons..	166	90	175	148	134
value..	3.6	2.0	4.1	3.4	3.3
Steel mill products, semifinished.....value..	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.2	0.4
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes.....1,000 lb..	11,886	14,132	15,829	14,140	11,182
value..	1.6	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.2
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips.....1,000 lb..	83,245	128,893	188,855	237,428	83,493
value..	11.4	15.4	21.8	24.3	9.9
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate.....1,000 lb..	84,911	73,925	114,390	114,329	76,642
value..	6.6	5.6	9.9	9.7	6.1
Other iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	29.0	28.3	20.6	22.6	15.9
Aluminum semimanufactures.....value..	8.1	10.6	15.9	14.5	6.4
Copper semimanufactures.....value..	22.9	38.1	23.6	25.7	8.4
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products.....value..	14.5	16.4	17.4	13.9	8.7
Plastics and resin materials.....1,000 lb..	60,335	75,955	71,672	65,624	57,669
value..	20.7	26.0	26.1	23.5	21.5
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]...value..	22.6	26.4	27.8	25.9	21.5
Pigments.....1,000 lb..	59,781	63,099	69.432	57,660	55,824
value..	6.0	6.2	7.1	5.8	5.6
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials.....1,000 lb..	54,857	81,083	54,153	86,724	112,061
value..	2.4	2.7	2.0	2.5	3.0
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1[6]....value..	40.2	43.3	[7]33.9	[7]37.9	[7]27.3
Finished manufactures.....value..	991.4	1,096.3	1,066.6	952.9	877.8
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new.....thousands..	85	96	159	117	92
value..	3.1	3.2	4.5	3.7	3.8
Other rubber manufactures.....value..	8.8	9.5	9.7	9.0	8.1
Cigarettes.....millions..	1,886	1,921	1,434	1,686	1,631
value..	8.3	8.4	6.2	7.3	7.0
Other tobacco manufactures.....value..	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.8
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq.yd..	[8]38,320	[8]43,681	[8]35,339	[8]36,396	[8]39,351
value..	[8]10.5	[8]12.3	[8]11.5	[8]10.8	[8]10.7
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	9.5	10.6	9.6	8.4	7.9
Wool manufactures.....value..	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures.....value..	13.2	16.2	15.2	13.6	12.9
Other textile manufactures.....value..	6.2	7.7	6.0	5.5	5.4
Wood manufactures, advanced.....value..	2.7	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.6
Paper and manufactures.....value..	21.9	25.5	22.8	21.3	19.5
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types).....value..	6.1	2.9	9.1	6.0	8.1
Lubricating oil.....value..	18.4	20.8	19.3	17.3	15.2
Glass and products.....value..	6.7	8.2	6.8	7.0	7.0
Steel mill manufactures.....value..	9.4	11.5	14.7	11.8	11.3
Metal manufactures, n.e.c.....value..	33.4	37.4	37.8	35.2	37.1
Electric household refrigerators and freezers.....number..	33,159	38,397	38,696	25,030	28,871
value..	5.0	5.9	5.8	4.0	4.5
Radio and television apparatus.....value..	26.8	29.9	22.6	23.6	21.0
Other electrical machinery and apparatus.....value..	64.0	69.7	59.4	55.7	56.6
Power generating machinery, n.e.c.....value..	19.7	22.5	23.1	19.0	20.7
Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery.....value..	65.3	70.8	68.8	63.0	57.7
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	26.9	27.1	17.2	18.2	12.9
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts.....value..	13.9	15.0	12.0	12.5	13.2
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	17.6	18.5	11.9	12.9	9.0
Other industrial machinery and parts.....value..	90.8	98.2	88.8	83.2	70.9

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Economic class and commodity	April 1961	March 1961	April 1960	Monthly average	
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Finished manufactures—Continued					
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....value..	26.1	32.1	16.4	17.4	12.1
Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....value..	16.3	17.1	18.1	12.1	12.0
Tractors.....number..	9,158	11,679	9,479	5,586	5,313
value..	22.4	21.1	23.7	19.8	17.7
Tractor parts and accessories.....value..	12.9	14.1	13.3	12.4	11.9
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....number..	13,252	13,564	17,565	16,913	13,761
value..	26.0	27.1	34.9	30.2	27.1
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....number..	8,887	12,623	10,875	9,760	8,869
value..	17.6	25.0	21.5	19.6	18.6
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....value..	47.2	53.2	51.8	46.0	44.4
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....value..	9.3	4.2	8.2	6.7	9.6
Aircraft, parts and accessories.....value..	98.5	113.6	133.6	110.8	64.0
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....number..	13	6	23	8	11
value..	3.3	0.8	1.4	2.1	7.5
Railway transportation equipment.....value..	14.9	20.3	13.2	11.5	8.8
Antibiotics.....value..	5.9	6.6	6.3	6.1	5.7
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	17.1	19.0	17.5	16.8	17.9
Soap and toilet preparations.....value..	1.8	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.9
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....value..	1.9	3.7	5.5	2.7	2.4
Ammunition, components and parts.....value..	8.6	15.3	36.0	16.4	16.7
Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	27.3	21.5	34.2	29.8	46.7
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	145.1	162.4	141.9	137.4	127.9

[1]Includes $58.5 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($25.5 million to Western Europe). [2]Includes $45.1 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($18.5 million to Western Europe). [3]Includes $114.7 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($51.2 million to Western Europe). [4]Includes $79.1 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($33.3 million to Western Europe). [5]Includes $102.3 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($54.9 million to Western Europe). [6]See the January 1961 issue of Report No. FT 410 for list of Special Category commodities. [7]Data for periods prior to January 1961 exclude information on exports of uranium, thorium and special nuclear material (Schedule B commodity numbers 62510-62590 and deuterium oxide (heavy water) included under Schedule B commodity number 83990). [8]Includes data for Schedule B commodity numbers 30399 and 30855, converted to square yards on the basis of four square yards per pound; and data for Schedule B commodity number 30610, converted to square yards on the basis of three square yards per pound.